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Third Time Girl Sixteen Years Old Leaves Home.
New York.—Mrs. Hilda Simons of Britton street, Concord, Staten Island, called at police headquarters in Stapleton, and asked help in looking for her 16-year-old daughter Hilda, who had been missing since November 19.
The young girl, who is exceptionally pretty, said when she left that she was going shopping in Stapleton and would return in an hour.
Nothing has been seen or heard of her by her mother since.
When she left home she wore a black dress, a tan coat and a big black picture hat.
When Mrs. Simons was seen she said she was inclined to believe that her daughter eloped with a young man employed by the Richmond Light and Railroad company.
This is the third time within two months that the girl has run away. On the first occasion she was found riding in a trolley car in Port Richmond after midnight with the young man and was taken home. On the second occasion she was found in Elizabethport.
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Washington.—The school authorities of Washington have been called upon to decide whether a Filipino is white or colored. The problem was brought before them by Major M. F. Waltz, U. S. A., who sent a communication asking that his Filipino servant 22 years old, be admitted to the white schools of Washington. Major Waltz said that his servant had been denied admission to the public schools of Atlanta, Ga., on account of the prevailing race feeling. After much discussion the question was referred to a committee, which has not yet reported.

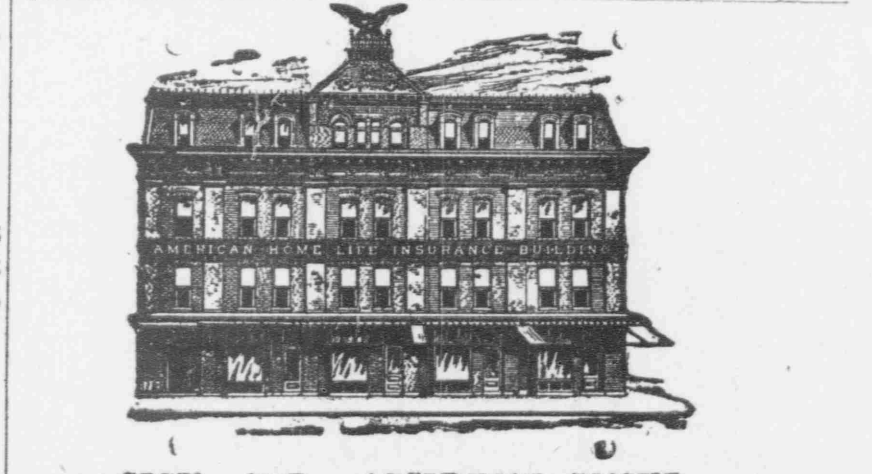
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